Sl. No.	State	Percentage of unemployed persons
8	Bihar*	70.75
9.	Assam	61 51
10.	Jharkhand	

Note

*Includes information in respect of Jharkhand

Unemployment problem

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the solution to the problem of severe unemployment prevailing in the rural areas of the country lies in the industrial development;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any incentive scheme has been formulated by Government to give preference to the use of labour oriented technique in establishment of industrial units in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of additional employment likely to be created in this sector during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) , (b) and (e) The Tenth Plan document outlines the approach and strategy of the Government to tackle the problem of severe unemployment in the country. Major areas identified for the purpose include Agriculture, Irrigation, Agro Forestry, Small and Medium Enterprises, Information and Communication Technology, Tourism and other services. Creation of around one crore employment opportunities per year, on an average is being targeted during each year of the Tenth Plan *i.e.* 2002—07.

(c) Ministry of Labour and Employment is not aware of any such scheme.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi